

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6,
3 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the son of Nellie and John
4 Reagan; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family in 1915 moved to
6 Galesburg, Illinois, and he began his formal education at
7 Silas Willard School; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family then moved to
9 Monmouth, Illinois, and resided in that fair community during
10 his formative years from 1917-1919, and where he attended
11 Monmouth Central School; and

12 WHEREAS, When Ronald Reagan was 9 years of age, the
13 family settled in Dixon, Illinois, where at Dixon High School
14 he played football and basketball, ran track, served as
15 president of the student body, and first performed as an
16 actor; and

17 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan graduated from Eureka College in
18 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology; and

19 WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, Ronald Reagan went on to
20 become a sportscaster, actor, Governor of California, and
21 President of the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected President of the
23 United States in 1980; a favorite of the American populace,
24 he was elected to a second term in 1984; and

25 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the
26 United States, warrants a public tribute as a son of
27 Illinois; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1999, portions of Illinois Route 172 and 92
29 from Tampico to Illinois Route 26 and the portions of
30 Illinois Route 26, Illinois Route 29, and U.S. Route 24 from

1 Dixon to Eureka were designated as the Ronald Reagan Trail by
2 Senate Joint Resolution 3; and

3 WHEREAS, The cities of Princeton, Galesburg, and Monmouth
4 were essential in the upbringing of Ronald Reagan and should
5 be included in the Ronald Reagan Trail; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Ronald Reagan Trail is
9 extended to include those portions of U.S. Route 34 from the
10 City of Princeton, through the City of Galesburg, to the City
11 of Monmouth; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation,
13 in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and
14 rules and in cooperation with units of local government, be
15 requested to erect appropriate signs, markers, or plaques
16 along the extended portions of the Ronald Reagan Trail in
17 recognition of this designation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
19 the Illinois Department of Transportation.